

Northern Canal: Great River Wall
Lowell, Massachusetts
Middlesex County

HAER No. MA-8B

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DATE: 1846-47

LOCATION: North side of the Northern Canal, extending 2200 feet
to the east of the Pawtucket Gatehouse,
Lowell, Massachusetts

DESIGNED BY: Unknown

OWNER: Proprietors of Locks and Canals,
Lowell, Massachusetts

SIGNIFICANCE: The Great River Wall is a massive retaining wall which
separates the upper half of the Northern Canal from
the Merrimack River. Researchers are referred to
MA-1, Lowell Canal System for additional information.

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